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### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In view of the following remarks, reexamination and reconsideration of this application, withdrawal of the rejections, and formal notification of the allowability of all claims as presented are earnestly solicited in light of the remarks that follow. Claims 33, 35-46, and 48-52 are pending. The Office Action indicates that Claim 49 is allowed and Claims 39-44 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response to the Office Action, the subject matter of Claim 41 has been incorporated into Claim 33, and Claim 41 has been cancelled. Claims 42, 43, and 44 have been amended to depend from Claim 33, and Claims 46, 48, and 50-52 have been cancelled. New Claims 53 and 54 have been added and depend from Claims 33, and 49, respectively. New Claims 53 and 54 find support throughout the Specification and the Figures and no new matter has been added. Accordingly, it is believed that the claims now define patentable subject matter over the prior art cited by the Examiner and notice to such effect is requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

#### **Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 33, 35, 45, and 46 were rejected in the Office Action as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,526,629 to Canvaness in view of U.S. Patent No. 1,597,373 to Grimm. Claims 36 and 50-52 were rejected over the Canvaness '629 and Grimm '373 references in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,715,637 to Hesterman *et al.* Claim 37 was rejected as being unpatentable over the Canvaness '629, Grimm '373, and Hesterman '637 references in view of U.S. Patent No. 2,703,003 to Ruppel. Claim 38 was rejected as being unpatentable over the Canvaness '629 and Grimm '373 references in view of U.S. Patent No. 1,682,253 to Romero *et al.*

In response, the subject matter of Claim 41 has been incorporated into Claim 33, and Claim 41 has been cancelled. Claims 42, 43, and 44 have been amended to depend from Claim 33, and Claims 46, 48, and 50-52 have also been cancelled. New Claims 53 and 54 have been added and depend from Claims 33 and 49, respectively.

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New Claim 53 indicates that the outwardly accessible portion spine hangs from the latticework support structure spine when the panel is attached to the latticework support structure. Claim 53 thus includes an additional limitation with respect to the "operably engaged" limitation between the outwardly accessible portion spine and the latticework support structure spine, as recited in amended Claim 33. Likewise, new Claim 54 indicates that the reinforcement means is configured to be attached to the latticework support structure such that the slab hangs therefrom. Claim 54 thus includes an additional limitation with respect to the "attached" limitation between the slab, via the reinforcement means, and the latticework support structure, as recited in allowed Claim 49. Such particular configurations are described in the Specification, for example, on Page 15, lines 5-21, and in the Figures, for example, in FIGS. 10, 11, and 13. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

The *Allowable Subject Matter* section of the Office Action, indicates that Claim 41 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, since Claim 41 is dependent on Claim 33, amending Claim 33 to include the subject matter of Claim 41 and then canceling Claim 41 essentially provides Claim 41 rewritten in independent form. As such, the Applicant submits that amended Claim 33 is now allowable, as indicated in the Office Action. Therefore, since amended Claim 33 is allowable, Claims 35-40 and 42-45, which depend either directly or indirectly from Claim 33, and new Claims 53 and 54 which depend from Claims 33 and 49, respectively, are also allowable over the Canvaness '629, Grimm '373, Hesterman '637, Ruppell '003, and Romero '253 references.

### Conclusion

In summary, the Applicant submits that the present invention, as defined by the pending claims, is patentable over the prior art cited in the Office Action. As such, Claims 33, 35-40, 42-45, 53, and 54 are believed to be in condition for immediate allowance, in addition to Claim 49 that has already been allowed. Accordingly, notice to such effect is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest opportunity.

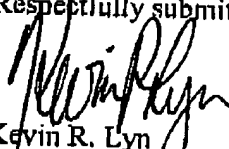
It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper.

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However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

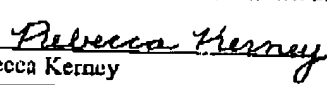
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